GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1878
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PROCUREMENT OF TOBACCO BY TOBACCO BOARD
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of tobacco purchased from tobacco farmers by the Tobacco Board since 1998-99 onwards, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the prices at which tobacco has been purchased during each year;

(c) whether the Union Government are aware that Tobacco Board is acting in a partisan manner with regard to purchase of tobacco from Karnataka farmers;

(d) if so, whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the Union Government to purchase the tobacco on the basis of the States production capacity; and

(e) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b): Since 1998-99, the Tobacco Board has intervened in the market only once, to purchase 0.03 M.Kgs. of tobacco at an average price of Rs.12.08 per kilogram in the year 2000 in Andhra Pradesh.

(c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): No proposal from the Government of Karnataka to purchase tobacco on the basis of the State`s production capacity has been received.